



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463**

January 11, 2011

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Gary McDowell
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Dear Mr. McDowell:

On August 6, 2010, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint filed against you alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act"). On January 3, 2011, based upon the information contained in the complaint, and information provided by Cynthia S. Simatt, the treasurer of your state and federal campaign committees, the Commission decided to dismiss the complaint and closed its file in this matter.

The Commission encourages you to review the General Counsel's Report, which sets forth the statutory and regulatory provisions considered by the Commission in this matter. A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information and future reference. The Commission reminds you, that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441i(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d), concerning the prohibition on transferring, receiving, directing or spending non-federal funds in a federal election, to take steps to ensure that your conduct is in compliance with the Act and Commission regulations. For further information on the Act, please refer to the Commission's website at www.fec.gov or contact the Commission's Public Information Division at (202) 694-1100.

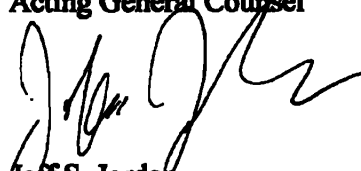
Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

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If you have any questions, please contact Frankie D. Hampton, the paralegal assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hughey
Acting General Counsel



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General Counsel's Report

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